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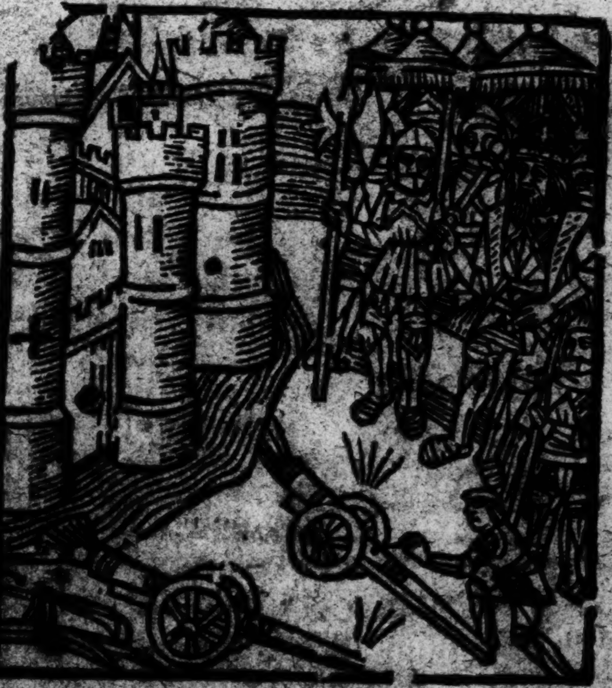

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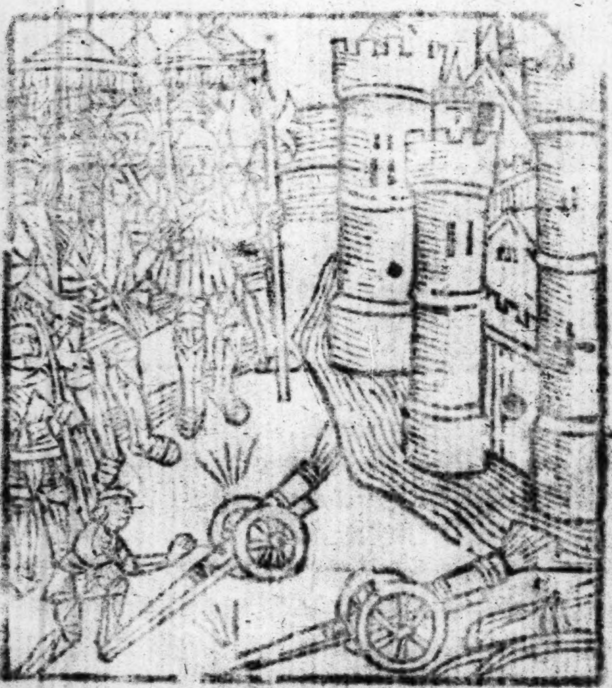

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THE excellent Prince and Lorde Morrice of Naſſow, &c. hauing reſcued Coeuerden, where the common Enemie with all his power on foote and on horſebacke, had lyne at the Winter, and ſtrengthened himſelfe with ſundrie Trenches, againſt the inſurrection of our people, hath notwithſtanding not tarryed the comming of our Campe, but hath left the Caſtle of Coeuerden, with all her Trenches and Campes.

Which done, his Highnes came before Groning, the 20. of May, viewed the Cittie, and ſummoned it. Their anſwers was, that they ſhould firſt lye a yeere & a day before it, and then ſhoulde ſummon the ſame. There ſhoulde you haue ſeene many kindes of cariages, in very great quantitie, of rafters, poſtes, Deales, plancks and boords, where-with many Ships were laden. There was tenne Ships ſent from Gorcum with boordes, beſides many hundreds which came from Swoll and other places, and were beſpoken.

There came to the Campe before Groning, frõ my Lords the States, vnder the conduct of his Highnes, about one hundred and fortie Enſignes of footemen: as high Dutch, Engliſhmen, Scots, Netherlanders, and Freeſlanders. The Freeſlanders vnder the conduct of William Earle of Naſſow. There was viij. Enſignes preſently ſent before the Forte at Aurikerzill, to take in the ſame: for they held out ſtoutly, and attended for fiue Enſignes, that came with bridges & Ladders for the aſſault.

And ſtanding readie to employ all their might thereon, there came three other Enſignes from the other ſide, with bridges, many bũdles of Bulruſhes bound together in ſackes, pitched and nayled vnder Tables made of Deale-bords, ouer which they came to the wall of the Forte. They which had

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no Ladders, did ſticke their daggers in, and climed vp by them. The people ſeeing that they were ouer-fallen, cryed for grace, but it was too late; for they had ſpoken very opprobrious words to the Dromſter, wherefore they were all ouer-come, and of one hundred and thirty, there was not fiue left aliue. Which was no ſmall feare to them of Groning, as alſo the driuing out of their folke out of the Trenche at Hogherbrug. So that they of Groning, were conſtrained to driue their Cattell vnder the Towne wall, where they could not all be kept, but ſome were fedde with Hay in the Cittie. There was about foure-ſcore of thoſe without, which were taken by our men.

After this, they iſſued forth of the Citty in ſundry places vpon our men, with the helpe of fiue Enſignes of Souldiers, that lay in Shutendiepe, which place is ſtrongly defended ſeuerally from the Citty, lying vpon ẏ water called the Vaere:) which the Coronell made at that time. With this their iſſuing out, they did our folkes very much harme: But after we had made our Trenches, digged our Lope-ditches, & ſtrengthened the ſame, then left they of their iſſuing out.

Great was the carefulnes of his Highnes and my Lords the States, in the fortifying and making ſure of our Campe, towards all quarters, where any feare was of aſſailing. And then employing all their force againſt the Citty, with digging and placing of their Ordinance. Yea, in three places they came to their very wall, ſo that in two places, they digged and vndermined twenty and thirtie foote within their Wall. They within reſted not, but defended themſelues: inſomuch that through their manifold ſhooting, there was founde aboue two thouſand pellets.

Hereby is to be coniectured, that they ſhott foure thouſand ſhotts at the leaſt, with great Ordinaunce. For at the beginning they were prouided with foure hundred Barrells of powder, which were leſſened to fiftie, and yet were not they of the beſt.

Vpon the Gate called the Herren Port, were eight great peeces placed, and wholie ſhot of. There were many houſes ſhaken,

ſhaken, and ſpoyled with the Ordinance, and ſometimes with fire-works out of the Campe, and balles of wild-fire; which in ſundry places did ſette their houſes on fire: where-vppon preſently followed pellets of ſtone; and hayle, that mingled with wild-fire. Whereby the hearts of the Citizens began heere and there to faint, and were brought to ſuch point, that they tooke pledges one of another.

The Rulers were brought to ſuch extremety, and to aggrauiate the matter, (not ſo much through the beſieging, but by certaine Souldiers of Sluiten-deepe, which were let into the City,) that they were forced to hold their handes, which made a rumor in the City, inſomuch that ſome loſt their lyues by it. This being ſtilled and pacified, the Souldiours had afterwards no good reſt or quietnes for want of ſleepe, by reaſon of their continuall watching. The chiefe of them was occaſion heereby to write to Don Verdugo, for a ſupply of Souldiours, munition, and money. One of the carryers of theſe Letters was ſlaine, and hanged vp againſt the Citie: the other was pardoned, becauſe hee bewrayed the ſecrets of the City.

Upon the Roundell (which was made long agoe, and in the time of Duke Dalbe, called The Caſtle,) were alſo eyght great peeces of Ordinance planted, one of the corners whereof was wholy ſhotte downe, and ſo made vnfenceable. His Highnes through his diligence and endeuour going heere about to ſee the manner, a ſhotte light vpon his Trench, that thoſe which ſtoode harde by him, were thereby ſprinckled in their faces.

One of the three mynes vnder the ſayde Roundell, named Rauelin, was digged, which beeing perceiued by them of the City, was countermined, by which our men entred, placing of their powder, and alarme preſently giuen. Whilſt they of the City were ſetting of their watch at the ſaide Rauelin, the powder was by a traine ſuddainly ſet on fire, with ſuch thundering noyſe and duſt, that for the ſpace of three houres, one man could not ſee another. The chiefe Lieutenant was alſo ſlayne.

The Reader may well thinke, howe armes, legges and and whole bodies of men, were blowne away in the ayre, for two of them fell into our Trenches, whereof one was yet aliue. Thys Bulwarke brake and fell downe, according as we wiſhed, and hath made a braue bancke. Alſo the way ſtaled vp betweene Rauelin and the Cittie, our men crept in, without loſing of any one man: where they founde ſixe peeces of Ordinance, and certaine men wrapped vp in the earth, which were yet aliue. The ſame day in the Euening in ſetting of our watch, we loſt eyght Souldiours.

They in the Cittie ſeeing this, were at their wits end, as if the day of Iudgement had beene come. Straightwaies Iohn den Boer, or Iohn the Clowne, was ſent out with a Taber and a pype, yet that day all was not ended. But the next day, they of the Cittie, vpon good aſſurance and promiſe of his Highnes, came forth in foure ſeuerall companies, that is to ſay, the Clergie, the Magiſtrates, the chiefeſt of the Souldiours, and the men of Occupations. One of them would not truſt another. Heereupon his Highnes ſaid vnto them, Looke what you agree to, is wholie giuen you through my liberalitie: for I count my ſelfe aſſured of the Citty. In the end, after many debatings, the xix. day of Iulie, theſe Articles following were agreed vpon.

1. Firſt, that his Highneſſe for the firſt time, may diſplace the Magiſtrate, and place him againe, and the ſworne Communaltie, at his pleaſure.

2. That the Gildes or Companies ſhall in that reſpect, be ſet a ſide, that they ſhall haue nothing to ſay in the policie of the Cittie. But the Counſell ſhall deale therein with the ſworne Communaltie, ſuch as the Counſell will vſe thereunto.

3. That his Highnes may put Souldiours into the Cittie at his pleaſure: but yet in ſuch manner as is vſed in Freeſland.

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4. That the Cittie ſhall renounce the King, and declare him their enemie. And alſo bee leaſed with impoſts as any others, as the Citties in Frieſlande.

5. That no other Religion be ſuffered, but onlie the true reformed Religion.

6. That during theſe warres, his Highnes ſhal yeerely chooſe out fiue of the ſworne Communalty, which ſhall appoynt the Counſell.

7. That the Garriſon of the Enemie ſhall paſſe ouer the Rhine, leauing their Enſignes behind thē. And ſwearing in three monethes not to ſerue on this ſide the ſame.

But his Highnes afterwardes, at the interceſſion of certaine Gentlemen, bid the Enſignes to be giuen them at their departing.

Touching all other Articles, the ſame ſhall remaine at the diſpoſition of the generall Eſtates. The Lord giue his Highnes long life, that thereby all they may be forced which exerciſe Spaniſh tyrannie, and oppreſſe the good.

Almightie GOD be thanked for his grace and fauour, and thys great victorie, for euer and euer. Amen.

FINIS.

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I.

FIrſt, that all offences, iniuries, miſdéedes, & all maner of factes, déedes, or workes, done, committed, accompliſhed and fallen out, from the beginning of theſe troubles, alterations, or anything touching the ſame, and alſo whatſoeuer hath chaunced in this preſent beſieging of the Cittie of Groning, in what place or maner ſoeuer the ſame is, aſwell in generall as perticuler, as well within as without: ſhall remaine forgiuen, forgotten, and eſtéemed as though they had neuer béene done. In ſo much that for the ſame, at no time, ne no remembrance, mention, moleſtation, action either by law, or without law, ſhalbe done, brought, or ſuffered to be done of any man. Upon paine ý the breakers thereof ſhalbe reputed, eſtéemed and puniſhed, as perturbers and hinderers of the common reſt, quietnes and peace.

II.

The Magiſtrates and inhabitants of Groning, ſhall accept and promiſe in ſuch manner as is accepted and promiſed by them which are vnited to the Netherlandiſh Prouinces, and ſhalbe obedient and true to the Lords of the generall Eſtates and thoſe thereon depending. And then they of Groning as members of the other Prouinces, ſhalbe holden, and accepted as good confederates, and maintained in all good trueth, and at all times, and in all occurrences, ſhall ſtand together as other Prouinces do, to keepe & driue out all Spaniardes and their adherents, which haue diligently employed themſelues,

againſt